

TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED:

***AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING
CHAPTER 36 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF
HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CREATING THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC SAFETY***

ORDINANCE #17- 2022

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 36 of the Code of the Township of Readington entitled "Officers and Employees" is hereby amended to add the following new article entitled "Article VIII. Director of Public Safety" to provide as follows:

Sec. 36-34. Position created. There is hereby created the position of Director of Public Safety (also referred to as "Public Safety Director") whose purpose shall be to serve as the civilian manager of the Police Department in and for the Township of Readington. The Township Committee is authorized to create this position pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:9.1.1*.

Sec. 36-35. Appointment.

The Director of Public Safety is an at-will employee and shall serve at the pleasure of the Township Committee.

Sec. 36-36. Duties and Authority.

A. The Director of Public Safety shall:

- (1) Be the Chief Executive of the Police Department.
- (2) Report to the Township Administrator, unless another person is designated as Appropriate Authority for the Township by ordinance.
- (3) Recommend to the Appropriate Authority policies to be followed and implemented by the Chief of Police, or Officer in Charge in the event the position of Chief is vacant, for the efficient operation of the Police Department for the routine day-to-day operations of the Police Department as provided in *N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118*.
- (4) Prepare and submit the proposed budget for the Police Department to the Township Administrator per prescribed timelines.

(5) Report monthly to the Appropriate Authority and Township Committee on matters relating to the Police Department and make recommendations as to appropriate courses of action.

(6) Establish performance standards for the entire Police Department, in its entirety and individually, and conduct periodic evaluations to ensure compliance with said performance standards.

(7) Attend Township meetings as deemed necessary by the Township Administrator and act as a liaison for the Police Department with municipal committees and departments.

(8) The Director of Public Safety shall make recommendations, when appropriate, as to police and public safety personnel and Township ordinances relating to public safety.

(9) The Director of Public Safety shall also perform any and all other duties as shall be assigned by the Township Administrator.

B. The Director of Public Safety may, at any time:

(1) Examine the operations of the Police Department or the performance of any officer or member of the Police Department.

(2) Act to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the municipality in emergent situations through special emergency directives.

(3) Have and exercise all of the functions, powers and duties of a department head of the Township.

Sec. 36 -37. Qualifications.

A. To be appointed to the position of Director of Public Safety, an individual must possess:

(1) At a minimum, an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice, Public Administration or a closely related field and 25 years of professional police experience, of which at least 15 must be in a significant command position (ie: Captain, Major, Deputy Chief or Chief) or; Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, Public Administration or a closely related field and at least 20 years of professional police experience of which at least 10 must be a significant command position (ie: Captain, Major, Deputy Chief or Chief). A Master's Degree in any of the above disciplines or a closely related field is preferred and may count as additional years of service.

(2) Comprehensive knowledge of modern principles and practices in law enforcement, police science and criminology.

Sec. 36-38. Compensation.

The Director of Public Safety shall receive compensation as designated by the Township Committee and fixed from time to time by ordinance adopted by the Township Committee.

SECTION 2. All sections, subsections and provisions of this Ordinance may be renumbered as necessary or practical for codification purposes.

SECTION 3. Any and all ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are repealed.

SECTION 4. If the provision of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such Order or Judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any such article, section, subsection, paragraph, or clause and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to the laws of the State of New Jersey.

A TRUE COPY OF WHICH ORDINANCE IS PRINTED ABOVE WAS INTRODUCED AT THE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ON **JUNE 6, 2022** AND THAT IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON TO CONSIDER PASSAGE OF SAID ORDINANCE AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO BE HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 509 ROUTE 523, WHITEHOUSE STATION, NEW JERSEY, ON **JUNE 20, 2022** AT 7:45 P.M. AT WHICH TIME AND PLACE, OR AT ANY TIME OR PLACE TO WHICH THE MEETING SHALL BE FROM TIME TO TIME ADJOURNED AN OPPORTUNITY WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS WHO MAY BE INTERESTED THEREIN TO BE HEARD CONCERNING SAID ORDINANCE.

KARIN M PARKER, *RMC*
MUNICIPAL CLERK